

Our History

2024

- The 4th APHEN-ICH General Meeting
- International Conference on <ICH for Building Community Resilience: Contexts of Disasters and Climate Change> at Tribhuvan University

2021

- 2021 APHEN-ICH International Field School and Capacity Building Workshop, via online
- The 2nd APHEN-ICH General Meeting

2022

- The 3rd APHEN-ICH General Meeting
- Workshop on <Intangible Cultural Heritage and Community Resilience> at Ahmedabad University, in connection with the International Conference on <Heritage Management Education and Practice: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic>

2023

- The Global Higher Education Network Round Table
- The Intangible Cultural Heritage International Conference at University of Santo Tomas
- 2023 APHEN-ICH International Field School <Manyaman : Culinary Culture, Identity, Diversity & Sustainability> at University of Santo Tomas

2020

- The 2nd APHEN-ICH Capacity Building Workshop
- The Higher Education Webinar Series

2019

- The 1st APHEN-ICH Capacity Building Workshop in Shanghai
- APHEN-ICH International Seminar on <ICH Pedagogy in Higher Education> at Korean National University of Heritage

2018

- Establishing the Asia-Pacific Higher Education Network for Safeguarding ICH
- The 1st APHEN-ICH General Meeting
- International Forum on <Unlocking the Potential of Tertiary Education for ICH Safeguarding> at Korean National University of Heritage

Join Our Network

We warmly welcome higher education institutions dedicated to teaching and research on intangible cultural heritage, across the Asia Pacific region to join our APHEN ICH network.



Membership Requirement



Our Members are institutions with programmes focused on intangible cultural heritage. In the membership application form, we ask that you list out all the ICH related courses and programmes as well as other significant activities. After becoming a member, each institution can nominate a focal point for coordination.

How to Apply



Applying for a membership of our network is simple. **Submit your membership application to the Secretariat.** The Bureau of the Network will review and approve applications, and formal membership will be confirmed at our General Meeting.

Member Responsibilities



As a member, you'll actively engage in our collaborative activities, share relevant news and updates with the Secretariat, lead initiatives, and promote cross-institutional exchange. Plus, keep your contact information current to ensure seamless communication. If you have any enquiry regarding joining a membership, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat. **We look forward to your active participation and valuable contributions!**

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Peter de Vera leading the Bale Balayan Children's Theatre Group during a performance for the ICH International Field School



About Us

The Asia-Pacific Higher Education Network for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (APHEN-ICH) is a collaborative initiative involving higher education institutions across the Asia-Pacific region. Established in 2018, with support from the ICHCAP and UNESCO Bangkok Office, APHEN-ICH aims to foster education, research, and capacity building in the field of intangible cultural heritage. Member institutions are actively involved in various programmes, including degree courses, workshops, and conferences, aimed at safeguarding and promoting intangible cultural heritage (ICH).

APHEN-ICH leverages the expertise of its network members, comprising recognised international experts in ICH, to provide advisory services and capacity-building initiatives. The Network organises annual meetings and regular discussions to address pressing issues related to ICH safeguarding. Through collaborative efforts, APHEN-ICH supports community-based research, documentation, and inventorying activities, ensuring that new generations of professionals are well-equipped to protect and sustain intangible cultural heritage.

Displays of lanterns or “lubenas”, a tradition of carrying handheld lanterns for religious processions



Members



Members	
Bangladesh	University of Dhaka
India	Ahmedabad University
	Tezpur University
Nepal	Kathmandu University
	Tribhuvan University
Pakistan	Institute for Art and Culture
Sri Lanka	University of the Visual and Performing Arts
Indonesia	Halu Oleo University
	University of Santo Tomas
Philippines	University of the Philippines, Diliman
	University of the Philippines, Visayas
Thailand	Thammasat University
Vietnam	Vietnam National University, Hanoi
	Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City
China	Beijing Normal University
	Shanghai University
China Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	The University of Hong Kong
Japan	Kyoto University
Mongolia	Mongolian State University Arts and Culture
	Andong National University
Republic of Korea	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
	Jeonbuk National University
	Korea National University for Heritage